

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Child abuse and neglect is a national issue that affects us all; and,

Whereas, Children are vital to South Dakota's future success, prosperity, and quality of life as well as being our most vulnerable assets; and,

Whereas, Child abuse can have long-term psychological, emotional, and physical effects that can have lifelong consequences for victims of abuse; and,

Whereas, Communities actively providing prevention services and support are our best hope for preventing child abuse and neglect and improving the lives of children and families; and

Whereas, Community support and involvement are needed to help families break the cycle of abuse and to improve the well-being of families; and

Whereas, Every child deserves to be safe, secure, loved, nurtured, and cared for, and therefore, the South Dakota Department of Social Services wants to remind parents, guardians, and other adults about the importance of supporting programs that foster prevention of child abuse and neglect:

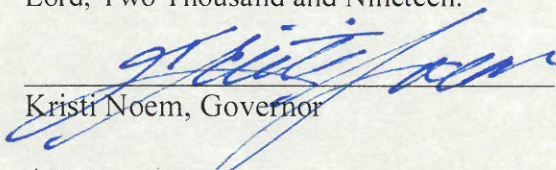
Now, Therefore, I, Kristi Noem, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 2019, as

Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month

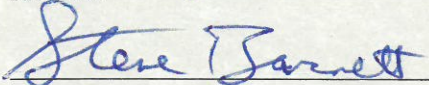
in South Dakota.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty Eighth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nineteen.


Kristi Noem, Governor

Attest:


Steve Barnett, Secretary of State